

May 31, 2000 Minutes of the Sacramento River Conservation Area Board of Directors

1:30 PM Because of over capacity, the meeting was moved from Glenn County Board Chambers to the Superior Court Chambers across the hall.

1:45 PM Meeting was called to order by acting Chairman Denny Bungarz, SB1086 Advisory Council Chairman.

It was determined that there was a quorum of a minimum of eight voting members present (ten). Introductions of members present—It was agreed that the meeting would be conducted under “Roberts Rules of Order” and that on matters of policy, public comment would be allowed after board comments.

County	Public Interest	Landowner	Agency
Butte	Jane Dolan	Shirley Lewis	
Colusa	David Womble	Ben Carter	
Glenn	Denny Bungarz	Jason Larrabee	
Shasta	<i>(Glenn Hawes)</i>	<i>(Dan Gover)</i>	
Sutter	<i>(Dick Akin)</i>	Russell Young	
Tehama	Bill Borrer	<i>(Brendon Flynn)</i>	
Yolo	Lynnel Pollock	<i>(Not yet appointed)</i>	
Resources Agency			<i>(Mel Dodgin)</i>
Cal DFG			Diana Jacobs
Cal DWR			Bill Bennett
State Reclamation Board			Pete Rabbon
US Bureau of Reclamation			<i>(Basia Trout)</i>
US COE			Mark Charlton
US F&WS			Jim Mc Kevitt

Those names in italics and parenthesis were not present.

Also Present--Coordinator Burt Bundy, DWR Attorney Rita Singer and about 60 public participants.

After discussion of some concerns by members, it was determined that the By-laws and Articles of Incorporation were the first items to be discussed. The Coordinator explained the filing process with the Secretary of State and the IRS. David Womble suggested that wording be added to allow counties to appoint alternate members(Art. 2, Sec.2). Jane Dolan asked that the term “per diem” in Art. 2, Sec 8, be stricken because of ambiguity. Wording in Article 7 was changed from “in consultation with” to “with prior notification to” the Advisory Council for By-law amendments. Lynnel Pollock requested that Article 8 be added to “allow participating counties to withdraw” from the Corporation. The fiscal year was recommended to be the calendar year(Art. 6). Jason Larrabee brought up a concern that counties needed a “veto” power for projects within their county, but after discussion it was agreed that that this issue would be discussed at a later date. A motion was offered by Lynnel Pollock, and seconded by Jane Dolan, to adopt the By-laws as changed, including the calendar year as the “fiscal” year for the corporation, and give the Coordinator direction to file with the appropriate agencies. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

The proposed “Articles of Incorporation” were discussed by the Coordinator and Rita Singer, DWR Attorney. It was noted that the wording is specific as to the tax-exempt category(public non-profit, 501, C-3) that the organization would be filing for. A motion by Bill Borrer was offered, with a second by Russell Young, to adopt the Articles of Incorporation as proposed. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Election of officers were held, and by unanimous vote, Denny Bungarz, Glenn County Supervisor, was elected Chairman. Ben Carter, Colusa County landowner, was elected Vice Chairman and Jane Dolan, Butte County Supervisor, Secretary/Treasurer, both also by a unanimous vote.

The next 3 Board meetings were set for June 22, in Colusa County, July 27, in Tehama County, and Aug. 24, in Butte County. The Colusa meeting time will be 6:30 PM, and the place will be determined by David Womble. A public comment period will be set on each agenda and on each policy item.

The formation of the Technical Advisory Committee was discussed and an Ad Hoc Committee of the ex-officio Board members and Bungarz, Dolan, and Larrabee would bring a recommendation to the Board at the next meeting. The Committee would also discuss the possible need for other standing or ad hoc committees.

Coordinator Burt Bundy gave an update on the 3 planning efforts he was responsible for;

Woodson Bridge, Tehama County—Efforts were under way to secure funding for hydraulic studies, protection of the west bridge abutment, and upstream restoration. Local input and support was good as is County participation. DWR and Parks were active in effecting a solution and Corps of Engineers information provided through the Comprehensive Study would be used to provide a long-term recommendation.

Hamilton City, Glenn County—Local efforts with the Community Services District, are continuing to pursue a COE project to study alternatives for flood protection for Hamilton City. Glenn & Butte Counties, local landowners and others have discussed an area study of flood flows and possible recommended actions.

Bloody Island, Shasta County—Negotiations are continuing with landowners for easements to protect habitat and agricultural land on the River and Battle Creek. BLM, DFG and the Trust for Public Lands have garnered funding from CalFed to develop a management plan for the area. SB1086 will help coordinate that planning process.

Burt indicated that there were opportunities available for other planning efforts along the River that could be coordinated through the NPO. He indicated that Board input into new or current planning efforts is encouraged.

The Coordinator provided a review of the funding for the SB1086 program and the Sacramento River Conservation Area organization. A CalFed grant has funded the Coordinator position for the past 1 ½ years to facilitate the organization of the NPO and to coordinate site-specific planning efforts. The first year of a CVPIA-AFRP grant has been funded to support a Coordinator/Manager and an assistant for the NPO. An application for the second and third year of funding through CVPIA-AFRP

has been applied for. The Chico University Research Foundation administers the Grant and the Resources agency, through DWR, has provided office space and technical support for the program. DWR has also provided the GIS component to the program. It was asked if the grant could be administered by the NPO and it was indicated that once the NPO was established, it could do the administration. Jane Dolan indicated that she would like to see the current contract and the grant application. Several other Board members said they would also like to see them. Burt indicated that he would provide them, but probably could not before the next meeting. The Chairman asked that the Board consider how they wanted to address the need to fill the position of General manager. After some discussion, it determined that they needed to look at the options available and discuss them at the next meeting. The Chairman indicated that he would consult with counsel and determine if it was appropriate to have a closed session on this matter next meeting. If so, he would schedule it at 6PM.

Under other issues, David Womble asked that agendas be provided early enough that issues could be discussed at a their Board of Supervisor's meeting.

John Repaniich, from the audience, suggested a funding committee be established. Funding for private landowner needs impacted by restoration efforts need to be considered.

Bruce McGowen and John Scott, representing Citizens for Public Access, expressed a concern about loss of recreational access. Burt indicated that through SB1086 mapping was being done to delineate access areas. Jim McKevitt indicated that he would be willing to provide a presentation and discussion on the Fish & Wildlife Service's programs and acquisition policies to any of the Counties.

Several other comments dealing with agricultural land conversion, tributary impacts, impacts to the local economy and access were made during the public comment period.

DRAFT AGENDA for the JUNE 22, NPO meeting

6PM—Closed session, personnel

6:30---Open Board meeting

1. Introductions and announcements
2. *Update on incorporation and tax exempt filing process—Coordinator
3. *Report from Ad Hoc committee regarding establishment of Technical Advisory Committee
*Establishment of Committee or committees
4. *Direction to fill the position of Coordinator/General Manager
5. Discussion of CalFed direction for the Sacramento River
6. Presentation by Stacy Cepello on the Geographical Information System.
7. Other issues for discussion
Board members
Public

*Possible Action Item